

CATHOLIC PK DIRECTOR REVISITED

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On April 10 we announced that a Roman Catholic named Mike Timmis is a member of the Promise Keepers Board of Directors, and that he will speak this summer at the annual Men's Conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Promise Keepers leaders have participated in this conference for the past three years.

Several wrote to us for confirmation of this information, saying that it was "hard to believe." Those who find it hard to believe that Promise Keepers would have a Roman Catholic on the board of directors have not followed the movement very closely. Bill McCartney has said from the beginning that he wants full participation by Roman Catholics.

Others challenged our information, saying the list of Promise Keepers Directors on the Internet did not include Timmis. Upon further inquiry, the Promise Keepers organization has confirmed that Timmis is a member of the board, though they are refusing to give his denominational affiliation.

There is no doubt that Timmis is a Roman Catholic. Following is the statement from the 1997 Summer Conference brochure of the Franciscan University of Steubenville. (I have been following the influence of this Catholic institution since 1987) --

"1997 Men's Conference. Make it a family affair! Don't come by yourself--bring your son, your father, your son-in-law--or all three. Pro-family advocate Alan Keyes will knock your socks off with his eloquence and keen insights on the societal pressures men face. And YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS MIKE TIMMIS, A HIGHLY RESPECTED CATHOLIC ATTORNEY AND BUSINESSMAN, AN INSPIRING EVANGELIST, AND A MEMBER OF PROMISE KEEPER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS" (Brochure announcing 1997 Summer Conferences, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio).

It is obvious that the Franciscan University believes Mike Timmis is a Roman Catholic, and they should know. This is a staunch Roman Catholic institution which holds annual conferences defending the Catholic doctrine of Mary as the sinless Queen of Heaven. The same brochure which announces the 1997 Men's Conference at Steubenville announces the "Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist Conference." A photo accompanying the announcement pictures a Catholic priest holding a rosary, which is a set of beads used to count ritualistic prayers to Mary. Another announcement in the brochure describes a pilgrimage to Lourdes, a Mary shrine in France.

We have documented the Promise Keepers-Roman Catholic connection in our article entitled "THE ROMAN CATHOLIC-PROMISE KEEPERS CONNECTION: THE ART OF DOUBLESPEAK." This was first distributed May 7, 1996, through the Fundamental Baptist

News Service. It was updated February 9, 1997, and can be viewed at the Fundamental Baptist News Service web site -- <http://home.navisoft.com/biblebeliever/FBNS1.html>

Beware of the Promise Keepers movement. It is unscriptural, and it is serving to break down God-made walls which exist between sound churches and apostate churches. Men, serve the Lord Jesus Christ and be a blessing to your families, but do this according to the Bible--in sound New Testament churches which obey God's command to separate from those who teach error.